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(SBU) MFA Nonproliferation Office Director Filippo Formica told PolOff Italy was fully aware of the contents of the P5 1 package, noting that Italy had contributed its thoughts on the package in previous meetings with U/S Burns and had been kept informed of the negotiations through G8 discussions. Formica agreed that Iran must accept the contents of the package or face UN sanctions. Formica thanked the U.S. for keeping Italy informed and providing opportunities for bilateral discussions on this important issue. Pol MC also shared points with MFA Director General for the Mediterranean and Middle East Riccardo Sessa. Sessa said they would study our points carefully and "begin working on it right away." SPOGLI